

House Resolution No. 2833

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives have tremendous esteem for those Show-Me State students who have attained notable accomplishments that promise to serve them in good stead as they continue to grow, mature, and learn to be good citizens who will one day take their rightful places as productive, adult members of society; and

Whereas, Janelle Myers is a second-grader in the Oak Ridge R-VI School District of Oak Ridge, Missouri; and

Whereas, a valued participant in FreeWay Foundation activities, Janelle Myers has distinguished herself as the designer of an award-winning poster in the organization's annual Coloring/Poster contest; and

Whereas, illustrating the concept of "I Am Drug Free Because...", Janelle Myers submitted her poster in the Grade 2 Poster Contest sponsored by FreeWay Foundation, which seeks to train students in the life skills necessary to enable them to make drug-free, violence-free choices; and

Whereas, FreeWay life skills include adoption of the values of Liberty based on equality, truth, and justice; Self-esteem founded on a healthy and balanced view of personal worth; Coping abilities which skillfully handle difficult situations; Problem-solving processes that find solutions to life's dilemmas; Communications which involve active listening and sharing thoughts and feelings; Conflict resolution that is non-violent and peaceful in the settling of disagreements; Decision-making choices which wisely evaluate possible consequences; and Natural highs that involve the use of leisure time to enjoy life without chemicals; and

Whereas, Janelle Myers will receive a certificate and cash award on Wednesday, May 12, 2004, at a ceremony to be conducted in the state capitol Rotunda; and

Whereas, FreeWay Foundation has operated in Missouri public school classrooms for thirty years, during which time its anti-drug FreeWay and anti-violence Peacemaker programs have reached 1.7 million kindergarten through twelfth-grade students in two-thirds of the state's school districts; and

Whereas, FreeWay Foundation is headquartered in Bridgeton, Missouri, and traces its organizational roots to the year 1890 when it was chartered under a different name:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to congratulate Janelle Myers for designing an award-winning poster in FreeWay Foundation's annual competition and to commend her for her decision to emphasize positive choices in her life through the training she is receiving in Oak Ridge schools; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Janelle Myers of Oak Ridge R-VI School District of Oak Ridge, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Scott A. Lipke
District No. 157

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 2833, adopted May 7, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker